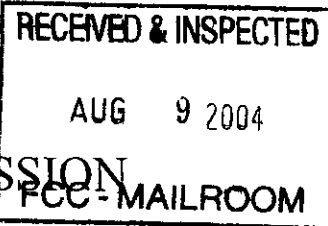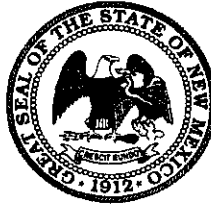DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

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July 29, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

Re: **State Commission Certification for Universal Service Funds
             CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 adopted on May 10, 2001 and released on May 23, 2001, and in accordance with this Commission's procedural rules, at 17 NMAC 1.2.32.2.2, I certify on behalf of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission as follows:

> (1)   That **Plateau Telecommunications, Inc.** ("Plateau") is an eligible telecommunications carrier in New Mexico as of July 27, 2004 for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost support for rural areas for 2004, and

> (2) That, based on the orders of this Commission in Case No. 03-00345-UT, and as self-certified by Plateau, any federal Universal Service Funds for which Plateau is eligible must be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended," as outlined in 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

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If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Susan Oberlander, Ph.D., at the offices of this Commission's Telecommunications Bureau, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone (505) 827-6950.

Sincerely,

Herb H. Hughes
Chairman

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